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Sent: Thur 6/19/2014 12:36:38 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Next OTEQ Meeting 9am July 16th at EPA

Paula,

To quickly answer Richard's questions: There will be no reviewed report prior to the July 16th meeting, hence my reluctance to have too large of an audience on July 16th meeting as we (BLM/EPA) don't know what the results suggest. The final report will be in a ptx format, not a formal USGS peer reviewed journal article as there simply isn't enough time (1-2 years) for such a review. The agencies will have an opportunity to review the ptx prior to Sept meeting, but everyone must remember that OTEQ is tool intended to augment our assessment and decisions; by itself, it is not the decision. In addition, the scope for the USGS is intentionally broad to allow for flexibility in what we assess. As you know we are already contemplating adding the Upper Animas which will likely not be completed by the meeting in Sept. In other words, at this time this is a "living effort" and we have no definitive end-point for the model or report. I will be in today, but out till next wed. thanks

On Wed, Jun 18, 2014 at 5:03 PM, Schmittiel, Paula <Schmittiel.Paula@epa.gov> wrote:

Brent – We had quite a discussion this afternoon. More on that later. But my enforcement team had some questions about the OTEQ meeting (see Richard's email below). We perhaps need to talk about what can and needs to be done. I'll call you tomorrow (Th).

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From: Schmittdiel, Paula
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To: Sisk, Richard; Rudy, Michael
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Please plan on attending this meeting if you can. The meeting will be in the Bighorn room in the conference center and is scheduled for 9:00 – 11:00 AM . Richard – please send me an email with your thoughts/requests concerning the OTEQ model so I can forward to BLM.

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All,

Setting a date for our next OTEQ meeting has been a challenge and I'm sorry to announce there isn't a date within our targeted window that is favorable for all. Keeping in mind our tentative September public meeting we need to continue to make progress so the next OTEQ meeting is set for 9am July 16th at EPA. For individuals conferencing into the meeting, I will work with Rob to get you his handouts. thanks and sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.

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